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SUMMARY: AT THEIR DECEMBER 16 LUNCHEON, NATO PERMREPS DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS POSED BY PRECEDING WEEK'S NAC AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DECEMBER 16 PERMREPS' LUNCH, ACTING SYG PANSA ASKED IF COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSION ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS CHINA IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS AT THE NAC MINISTERIAL. IT WAS AGREED THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY, BUT NOT WITHIN THE REINFORCED NAC FRAMEWORK NOR WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON OR OTHER CAPITALS.

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2. PERMREPS ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING NAC MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE TO COVER FULL TWO-DAY PERIOD. WHILE RECOGNIZING UTILITY OF BILATERAL SESSIONS ON FRINGES OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, PERMREPS THOUGHT BILATERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER DEMANDS

ON TIME PERHAPS LEFT INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR FULL DISCUSSION, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE SECRETARY'S OBSERVATIONS TO MINISTERS ON SALT AND CHINA AT THE FINAL NAC SESSION.

3. SYG LUNS WILL SOON ISSUE A MEMORANDUM ON THE SCHEDULING OF NAC MINISTERIALS OVER THE COMING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. THE MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE AND RELATED TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NAC WHICH COULD ALSO ADDRESS QUESTION OF LENGTH OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND MEANS FOR PERMITTING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR MINISTERIAL COMMENT. CONSENSUS APPEARED TO FAVOR SOME TELESOPING OF PRESENT MINISTERIAL AGENDA TO PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

4. FRENCH PERMREP (TINE) NOTED THAT NATURE OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING FOREIGN MINISTERS, PERMITTED LITTLE TIME FOR PERMREPS TO COMMENT ON STATEMENTS BY THEIR MINISTERS. AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT HAD ENGAGED IN THEIR LIVELY DEBATES.

5. GREEK AMBASSADOR THEODOROPOULOS EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS PLEASED WITH THE CONVERSATIONS IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND WITH THEIR DECISION TO RESUME TALKS ABOUT CYPRUS. THE FIRST SUBJECTS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE: (A) TERRITORIAL ASPECTS, (B) THE FORM OF A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND (C) ITS POWERS. THE GREEK AND TURKISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN WILL TELL THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THEIR SERIOUS INTENT TO UNDERTAKE THESE TALKS. THEODOROPOULOS SAID BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THEIR EXCHANGES. THEY HAD ALSO DISCUSSED BILATERAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF AEGEAN AIR SPACE AND LIMITATIONS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

6. AMBASSADOR TOMASSON (ICELAND) REPORTED THAT THE
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FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UK AND ICELAND HAD HELD CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS IN BRUSSELS. THE UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE IS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE UN. UK PERMREP KILLICK SAID HE HOPED UN DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO AN INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND HOPED NEW INCIDENTS OFF ICELAND MIGHT NOT OCCUR BOTH BECAUSE OF IMPENDING BAD WEATHER AND THE CHRISTMAS VACATION.

7. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION COVERED SALT AND ANGOLA, WITH ALLIES ASKING WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NATO COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

8. KILLICK REPEATED THE VIEWS ON ANGOLA EXPRESSED BY UK

FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AT THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING.
OTHERS DIFFERED WITH BRITISH VIEW AND FAVORED US SUPPORT
FOR EFFORTS TO COUNTER SOVIET ACTIVITIES. SUBSEQUENT
INTERVENTIONS REFLECTED BOTH A DESIRE TO LEAVE ANGOLA
FOR RESOLUTION BY THE AFRICANS AS WELL AS A FEAR OF THE
SOVIETS' ATTAINING VIRTUAL DOMINANCE OVER THIS RICH NEW
NATIONS. PERMREPS DISCUSSED DIFFICULTIES OF JOINT
EUROPEAN-NORTH AMERICAN ACTION ON ANGOLA, BUT THERE WAS
A NEBULOUS CONCERT OF OPINION THAT ANGOLA SHOULD NOT FALL
WITHIN THE SPHERE OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AS HAD SOMALIA.
WHILE THE DISCUSSION ON ANGOLA WAS A VARIED AND OFTEN
CONTRADICTORY ONE, IN WHICH ALMOST UNRECONCILABLE VIEWS
WERE PRESENTED, THERE WAS NO CRITICISM OF THE UNITED
STATES' SENDING SUPPLIES TO THE PARTISAN MOVEMENTS
ENGAGED IN RESISTING THE MPLA.BRUCE

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